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Maily Press.

Hongkong, January 5th, 1909. THE telegraphic accounts describing the appalling calamity which has overtaken Southern Italy and Sicily go to show that, so far at least as the destruction of human life is concerned, it is probably the worst disaster of the kind in history. Certainly the records of earthquake disasters since the Christian era began record none which equal the present disaster in this respect, if we must accept the estimates that the telegrams have contained. The great earthquake of Yedo (Tokyo) in 1903, involving a loss of life estimated at 200,000 has hitherto figured in the records as the earthquake which involved the greatest loss of human life, and Peking has taken second place with 100,000 people "swallowed up" in 1731. We can take comfort in the fact that earthquakes attended with China, which is regarded as outside the e earthquake zone." But the past century has furnished history with at least two bad earthquakes in China-that in Canton and for the full report in our next issue. neighbourhood in 1830, when 6,000 persons were estimated to have perished, and that which occurred in Yunnan in 1888 when Within the same period there have been two destructive earthquakes in Manila, one in 1863 causing immense destruction of property and a loss of a thousand lives, 1880 which, happily, was

The Netherlands Indies have had their share of these terrible visitations, but in the Far East the greatest sufferer has been Japan, where "the oldest resident" could compile a list of such disasters as bave occurred in his own lifetime which would appear sufficiently formidable. The experiences of Italy, however, have in the aggregate been far worse. Calabria and Sicily, the scene of the present devastation, have suffered often, but apparently never so severely as on the present occasion. perhaps too early yet to form a very trustworthy estimate of the loss of life. We are judlined to think that a telegraphic error was made in the message reporting 800,000 persons to have perished by the disappearance of the island of Lipari. The island is only eighteen miles in circumference and the capital town has a population of not more than 12,000. have no recent statistics for the whole of the island, but we are inclined to think that 80,000 would more nearly represent the population. The whole of the Lipari group the scholars. of islands is included in the province of Messina which at the last census had a population of 548,898. The inhabitants of the town of Messina itself, which is reported to have been practically destroyed by the earthquake, numbered about 150,000, and the town of Reggio Calabria, which suffered to a like extent, had a population of 45,000 Not all these have perished, however, for the telegrams make it clear that there are thousands in these towns who are homeless and in a state of starvation. But the devastation is not confined to the large towns. An extensive area has been affected, and it will probably be some days yet before the authorities are able to form a very accurate estimate of the loss of life involved. The most conservative estimates, however, are sufficiently appailing to draw the whole world's sympathy to Italy in this great

Taotai Lew Yuk Sin, who is well-known in Hongkong and Canton, has arrived at Shanghai to participate in the Opium Conference.

the United States, in Canada and in the

Argentine Republic and we doubt not in

telegrams, sympathy is being nobly

expressed in the contributions which are

other countries not mentioned in

being made for the relief of sufferers.

Another case of armed robbery in the city has been reported. On this occasion the victim was an old woman who was robbed of a small sum of money and some jewellery.

Captain Mitchell Taylor, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, returned to Hongkong on the Mongolia on Saturday from Japan. He

"Thanksgiving and humiliation" was the subject of discussion at the first meeting in connection with the universal week of prayer No anonymously signed communications that opened yesterday. The Rev. C. H. Hickling

Petty thieving and snatching from the person should be sent before 11 a.m. on day of have been very rife of late. On Sunday no fewer than three cases of snatching were reported at the Central Police Station between 9 and 12 o'clock.

A rhinoceros horn, valued at \$50, was stolen from a shop in Bonham Strand on Sunday Three men entered the shop and while two deaths from consumption must continue. engaged the attention of the shopkeeper the third got away with the horn.

British capital, a St. Petersburg dispatch says continues to pour into Siberia in a remarkable way. The latest announcement is that the famous goldfields on the Altai have been sold to a British syndicate, which has also acquired goldfields on the River Lens and mining concessions in Saghalien.

An ingenious theft was perpetrated on the steamer Kinshan on the journey from Canton on Sunday. A passenger who carried \$700 inside his pillow box found that the money had been abstracted and replaced by a brick. Suspicion, however, fell on another passenger who was arrested and brought before the Magistrate.

Fire broke out in a godown in Sutherland Street near the Ko Shing theatre on Saturday night, but the brigade was promptly in attendance. More damage was done by water than by fire. Yesterday morning another outbreak was discovered in a medicine shop in Des Voeux Road, but it was extinguished before much damage was done.

We have received the report of the Hongkong Chess Club for the past year, which gives the disastrous consequences are happily rare in results of the matches played and sets forth the programme for the ensuing season. The Club shows considerable vitality and financially also is in a flourishing condition, there being a balance of \$204 in hand, We hope to find room

A correspondent writes regretting that the announcements with regard to the illustrated lecture by Mr. Heinrich Heiland at the German upwards of \$,000 persons were killed. Club did not state that the lecture would be in English. Many English residents interested in the subject matter of the lecture, we are in formed, would have attended, had they known that the lecture would be in English. Perhaps the Hongkong Old Volumes Society could induce Mr. Heiland to repeat the lecture, if disastrons in its effects, his arrangements will permit,

Inspector McHardy and P.S. Parr leave for home on holiday on Saturday. Several changes and transfers in the police are pending.

A Chinese was brought before the Magistrate yesterday on a charge of stealing eleven pawntickets from the dead body of an unknown hinese woman.

The return showing the number of communicable diseases reported during the week ended 2nd January contained three cases, one each of plague, cholera, and enteric fever.

The Ministry of Finance has denounced to the Throne a second class secretary of the Department, Kui Yin, for asking for extended leave of absence on flimsy pretexts, as it has been discovered that the accused official is using his leave to continue his opium smoking habit. As a punishment for this, Kuei Yin has been ordered to resign.

Grand Secretary Chang Chili-tung, who is also Comptroller-General of the Affairs of the Ministry of Education, has issued a circular to the Viceroys and Governors of provinces to dismiss summarily any foreign teacher in the Government schools who may in any way misbehave himself, or act unreasonably towards

His Highness Prince Ching has been appointed by the Prince Regent to superintend the construction and repair work of the Ta Cheng-yii Mausoleum: where the remains of the Emperor Kuang Hsu are to rest. The Mausoleum in question has been in process of construction for many years in preparation for the Imperial occupant.

A fatal affray between two coolies of the Commissariat Department took place yesterday morning. The men had quarrelled and one lifting a basin hit the other with it on the forehead. A jagged part entered the tample and penetrated a blood vessel. The injured man was taken to No. 2 Police Station and afterwards ferers. This is the largest appropriasent to hospital. He had lost a great deal of blood, and, shortly after admission, it was found necessary to take his dying depositions.

A tiffin was given to Professor Ernest Dewitte Burton, of the University of Chicago, by Dr. Amos P. Wilder, American Consul-General, at misfortune. In Great Britain, in France, in the Hongkong Hotel yesterday. The gentle, men present were :- Hon. Mr. F. H. May, The Bishop of Victoria, Messrs. Pollock, Atkinson, Harris, Turner, Slade, Bzyer, Holyoak, McPherson, Elliott, J. R. Wood, Hickling, Consland, Piercy, Reed, and F. D. Cheshire. American Consul-General at large.

> The mail brings us the news of the death of two old residents, says the Shanghai Mercury. Mr. Wm. Morrison Harvie and Mr. Charles. Lyall Grant. Mr. Grant many will remember as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Adamson Bell & Co. from the sixties to 1890 when the lime, &c. firm closed its doors. He was well known in other ports in China where he has still many old friends who will regret to hear of his demise, Mr. Wm. Morrison Harvie was well known in the nineties as an importing and commission agent here and in Hongkong.

In connection with the campaign against promiscuous spitting, it is interesting to not that H. E. the Governor has forwarded a minute to the Sanitary Board on the subject. Promiscuous spitting is blamed by American authorities for having been responsible for the deaths of 77 people in New York who succumbed to consumption. It is stated that the tuberculosis germs, spread by promiscuous spitting, attacked them when their systems were receptive. The New York Life Insurance Company point out that the peril is widespread because the evil of careless spitting is widespread. Until public sentiment condemns spitting as an utterly vile and loathsome habit, the heavy percentage of

A Soochow letter to the N.-C. Daily, News states that there was quite a scare in that city on the 26th ult. owing to a report that had got abroad that anti-monarchist emissaries were conspiring with the troops stationed at the Ch'angmen gate to start a rebellion. To guard against any possible outbreak the authorities in Soochow at once took possession of all the fire. arms in the barracks (cavalry and infantry) in question, and introduced within the city walls | SERVIA DEMANDS INDEPENDENCE FOR by the water gate some forty inland naval gunboats, each armed with a breech loading field piece and a machine gun. Detachments of the crews of the gunboats were then stationed at each of the six city-gates and every preparation made to quell a rising. Nothing, however, has occurred and it is thought that the reports were set affoat by evil characters to test the preparedness, or otherwise, of the authorities.

On the 4th ult., at a meeting in Berlin of the Executive Committee of the German Colonial Society, under the presidency of Duke John Albert of Mecklenburg, Admiral von Tirpitz, must Minister of Marine, announced that the Government intended to establish at Kiau-chau a high school for (hinese, at a cost of 600,000 marks (£30,000) with a recurrent expenditure of 150,000 marks (£7,500) per annum. The Minister stated that the view prevailed in China that a thorough reform of the school system was a necessary preliminary to the modernisation of the State's methods of government. The thinese Government had shown its sympathy with the project by expressing its readiness to support the new school both by a sudsidy and by the provision of suitable scholars, and also by admitting scholars from the German school to State examinations and to posts under the Chinese Government. The German Government, Admiral von Tirpits added, desired to create a commercial high school as a basis for technical and medical schools and for institutes for political economy, forestry, and agriculture, to be founded later.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE GREAT CALAMITY IN ITALY.

SYMPATHY FROM JAPAN.

Tokyo, January 4th.

An earthquake fund to assist the sufferers in Italy, is being raised in Japan on the initiative of the news-

Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress have wired condolences, and have also forwarded a contribution of Yen 10,000.

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RELIEF MEASURES IN EUROPE.

London, January 3rd. The fund opened by the Lord Mayor of London in aid of the relief of the great calamity which has overtaken Southern Italy and Sicily now amounts to £24,000.

President Roosevelt recommends Congress to appropriate half a million and several of the stolen goods found and dollars towards the relief of the suftion ever made by the United States towards a similar object.

The Pope has appealed to the Roman Catholic Bishops throughout the world to collect subscriptions.

> THE WORK OF RESCUE. London, January 4th.

Few persons are now being recovered alive from the ruins in the devastated districts.

When it is deemed certain that no more are likely to be found alive, the ruins will be smothe red with quick.

It is estimated that it will then be necessary to leave the places undisturbed for six months.

Two storeships with supplies for the American Fleet, now at Suez, have been diverted to Sicily.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS.

London, January 3rd. Rear-Admiral The Hon. S. C. J Colville, C.V.O., C.B., has been appointed to the command of the First Cruiser Squadron.

Rear-Admiral F. T. Hamilton, M.V.O., who has recently been filling the position of Inspector of Target Practice has been given the command of the Second Squadron.

Rear-Admiral A. M. Farquhar C.V.O., takes command of the Fourth

SERVIA AND AUSTRIA.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

London, January 4th. Servian Foreign Minister speaking in the Skupshtina (National declared the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary to be a violation of the Berlin Treaty.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, he said, become independent under European control, but he did not desire war.

The speech is regarded in Vienna as aggravating the situation.

The second performance of The Geisha by the Portuguese Lilliputians at the the Lusitano last night proved another success. Throughout, the play went with a pleasing swing, and the sustained applause of the large attendance was well merited by the small thespians.

At the City Hall last night another successful concert was given by the band of S.M.S. Fuerst Bismarck, assisted by Mr. E. Danenberg. The attendance was not as large as the excellent programme merited, but the appreciation of those present was manifested by continued applause.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, January 4th.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIE FRANCIS PIGGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

ALLEGED LARCENY AND RECEIVING. Li Tsau and Kwan Hing were indicted on charges of larceny and receiving. Prisoners pleaded not guilty, and the following jurors were empanalled:-H. Gittins (foreman), / Morfey, J. Dickie, G. Rapp, H. E. Craddock. El A. Kennedy and H. J. van der Bosch.

The Hon., Mr. W. Rees Davies, K.C., Attorney-General, who was instructed by Mr. Dennys, Jr., from the office of the Crown Solicitor, informed his Lordship and the gentlemen of the jury that the prisoners in this case were charged with stealing a large amount of clothing, and with being in possession of stolen property, well knowing the same to have been stolen. The owner of the property was the master of a blacksmith shop in Wing Lok Street. He would tell the Court that when he arose on the morning of the 7th ultimo he missed four boxes made of pigskin which contained a large amount of clothing. Information was immediately given to the police, and on the night of the 17th ultimo a Chinese constable saw the first defendant talking to the second. He also observed that he had something wrapped up in a handkerchief, and, on questioning the defendant, learned that it was clothing. The second defendant told the constable he was going to buy the clothing from the first. The constable also noticed that the first man had some pawn tickets, and he saw the second defendant snatch them from the first and tear them up. The policeman then arrested both defendants and regained the torn pieces of the pawn tickets. Pawnshops were then visited, identified by the prosecutor as his property. Subsequently the police obtained a search warrant and proceeded to search the premises where the two defendants were alleged to live. There they found the stolen bags with a number of other articles, and in addition some ropes, pepper, daggers and so forth.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of guilty against both prisoners on the second count, and his Lordship sentenced each man to three years' imprisonment with hard labour. ALLEGED ROBBERY.

Chan To, Tse Yan and Li Kai were arraigned on a charge of robbery. Prisoners denied the charge, and the following jury was empanelled; -H. T. Richardson (foreman), S. G. Fenton, S. Swart, R. Abraham, E. Raymond, G. K. Harton and R. Aitken. The Attorney-General informed the jurors

that the three prisoners were placed before the Court on a charge of robbery with violence. The affair took place at 37, Kowloon City Road, at about 7.15 on the morning of November 21st. The inhabitants of the house at the time the robbery took place were four women. The owner, a man, had gone out to work at seven o'clock. A woman named So Mui would tell the main facts connected with the robbery. She would say that on the morning in question three men walked up stairs to the second floor, and one o them called out "Here is a basket for you. She was sitting on her bed when two of the me entered her room, the other going into the cubicle of another woman. So Mui asked him where he was going, but at that moment she was seized by the other two men who pulled two bangles off her right wrist. The neighbours hearing a noise, gave the alarm, and the robbers made off. Witnesses would say that all the men were armed with knives, and one of the women was slightly wounded in the breast. A far as the Attorney-General understood, the statements made by the prisoners to the police implied that they were at the premises about the time of the robbery, so it appeared to be purely a question of whether the jurors were satisfied with the identification of the men.

When the case for the Crown was nearing completion, and the accused were asked if they wished to question a police witness, the second defendant said-In reality I did commit this crime, but I did not carry a knife. The third prisoner was then asked if he wished to question the witness and replied-I also wish to confess, but deny entirely about the knife.

The accused were then asked if they wished to make statements.

The first defendant said he had nothing further to say.

The second said he did not make the gag. was made by the first prisoner.

The third man said they went to the house with the intention of robbing the inmates thinking they would be asleep. But when they entered the house, they found them awake, and that was the reason the inmates gave the alarm.

His Lordship remarked that in view of the interesting statements made he did not think if necessary to trouble the jurors with any reference to the evidence.

The jury, without retiring, brought in a verdict of guilty against the three accused, and his Lordship sentenced the first and second to five years' hard labour, and the third defen dant to seven years' hard labour.

IN MEMORY OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

A movement has been inaugurated at Nice.

says the Central News, for the erection of a statue of Queen Victoria. The suggestion is the result of a competition, in which a large number of ideas was brought forward, the statue project heading the poll by a great majority The Prefect of the Alpes Maritimes and the local authorities are much in fayour of the scheme, not only as a mark of esteem towards It is expected that an appeal will be lodged. the British colony, but in grateful recognition of the benefits conferred upon the town of Nice by her Majesty's repeated and lengthy sojourns at imiez. The British and American colonies have perpetuated Queen Victoria's memory by building a well-equipped and substantially-endowed hospital at Mont Byron. of which the King and Queen are patrons. A French memorial, in addition, will be erected.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT

Monday, January 4th.

BEFORE HON. COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

WITHOUT REGULATION LIGHTS. Constable Thompson proceeded against the master of a licensed fishing junk for failing to carry the regulation lights for a junk under way in the harbonr between sunset and sunrise. Defendant had nothing to say, so his Worship imposed a fine of \$5, in default, 14 day, hard labour.

Two other junk men appeared before his Worship on a similar charge.

One defendant told the Court he did no know his light had to be visible. The second man had forgotten to replenish his with oil.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on each defendant. UNLAWFULLY BLOWING A WHISTLE. The master of the steam launch Ewo was pro. secuted by Lance-Sergeant Sutton for blowing the whistle of his launch other than for the

purpose of navigation. Sergeant Sutton deposed to seeing the Ewo towing some lighters off to the s.s. Hupch on the afternoon of the 29th ultime. When the Euco was about twenty yards from the Hupch she blew two blasts on her whistle three times The lighters were towing astern. After they were made fast to the Hupch witness asked

it was a signal to someone on the Hupeh to make the lighters fast. Defendant said he whistled the first time to indicate that he was going to port, the second time to indicate that he was going to starboard, and the third time to draw the attention of the people on board the steamer.

defendant why be blew his whistle and he replied

His Worship imposed a fine of 830, the alternative being six weeks' imprisonment. He also ordered the suspension of defendant's certificate until he had passed a satisfactory examination.

FIRE AT KOWLOON

No little excitement prevailed in Kowloon yesterday afternoon when the report of an explosion was heard from the vicinity of the railway mat-sheds near Hunghom village. Then it was discovered that fire had broken out in one of the matcheds and ignited the stored gunpowder. The fire engine from the electric power station and the European and Indian soldiers promptly turned out, but six or seven matcheds were destroyed before the flames were subdued. Two of the matsheds contained

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The League fixtures set down for Saturday

H.K. C.C. "B" v. Craigengower. R.G A. v. Kowloon. Civil Service

v. R.E CHINESE IMPERIAL EDICTS.

On December 31st the court at Peking issued number of edicts affecting the position of certain officials. The Chung Ngoi San Po (Chinese Daily Press) yesterday received a wire from Peking giving the text of these edicts. DISMISSAL OF TUAN SHIH KAL.

The first decree issued stated that Yuan Shih Kai had held the important posts of Grand Secretary and President of the Board of Foreign Affairs under the late Emperor. Anofficer of such great ability and holding posts of such responsibility should render assistance to the Throne but on account of sore feet Yuan moved with great difficulty. Being thus unable to take charge of affairs he would be relieved of his office at once, and would return to his native village and endeavour to cure himself.

This edict was written and despatched by the Regent, and Yuan Shih Kai was not given an opportunity of resigning.

A later edict has been issued appointing Liang Tung Yen Acting President of the Board of Foreign Affairs.

NA TUNG.

Another edict issued appoints Na Tung Assistant Grand Secretary, to be a member of the Grand Council. POSTHUMOUS HONOURS.

A third edict issued eulogised the good work done by the deceased statesman, Wang Wen Shao, and promised the appointment of his son and grandson to important official positions. His son, who is now secretary to the Board of Works and Agriculture, is to be made a taotai. and a more important appointment than he now holds is to be made for the grandson, who is

now expectant tactai of Kiangen Province. MRS. MAYBRICK WINS £500,000 ESTATE

SEQUEL TO TWENTY YEARS OF LITIGATION.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick and her mother, Baroness von Roque, have won their suit at Richmond, Virginia, to recover 2,500,000 acres of land in Virginia worth £500,000. This land was inherited from Baroness von Roque's first husband.

It is alleged that after Mrs. Maybrick's arrest on the charge of poisoning her husband, Mr. David Armstrong, her American lawyer, dealt improperly with the estate. Mrs. Maybrick claimed that she signed a

document under the impression that it disposed of only a part of the estate, whereas the lawyer claimed that all the property had been sold to him for £2,000. The decision of the court at Richmond,

Virginia, also instructs Mr. Armstrong to render an account of the administration of the estate to Mrs. Maybrick and her mother. The case has been pending for twenty years.

and the case carried to the Federal Supreme Mrs. Maybrick, who was found guilty of the murder of her husband, Mr. James Maybrick, a Liverpool business man, at Liverpool ssizes in Augu-t 1889, was released from "Aylesbury Prison in July 1904 after having been imprison-

ed fifteen years. She has lived in America since her release . HOME AND CHINA AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, December 4th.

SIR ROBERT HART. Sir Robert Hard and the Kaiser have widely different views of the future of the Chinese and night of a horde of Orientals, the Yellow Bacon, and youngest daughter of the late nation. Who is right? The Kaiser dreams day Peril sweeping westward like an avenging Captain Valentine of Goodwood, Sussex. cloud, to the grievous harm of the white nations. Sir Robert, on the other hand, has a vision of a Chins with its four hundred millions of population, drilled to the military perfection of Palace at Peking after the Boxer outbreak, for modern Germany, but bent on imposing compulsory peace on the human race. True, he admits, that the vision is for from its fulfilment. perhaps two or three centuries, so that it is not a matter that need cause us pressing anxiety. But are not both these prophets wrong? Is it not conceivable that by the time China has so developed her strength on Western lines she may have also imbibed so much of Western ideas too that she will have altered her anti-military notions somewhat and have become pretty. much as other men are in their relations towards their neighbours,

Still, everybody admits that Sir Robert has the giventage of the Kaiser in his knowledge more prophesied a wonderful future for the force itself but for the nation, if the

"The (hinese" he continued, "are a strangely that now they should be able to stand on their | too great chances are not wise in relation to own legs and hold their own ground against our German neighbours. the strong foreign competition which is coming nearer and nearer in view of the labour-saving during the past twelve months proved concluappliances that are being invented and the im_ daily use. Thus they propose to strengthen themselves. One can imagine what numbers of soldiers can be produced from a population of four hundred millions of people. Possibly in one hundred, two hundred or three hundred years hence, those four hundred millions of people will be as strong in arms, individually and nationally as, for instance, a great Continental Power like Germany is at the present day, and then what will happen? China will turn round to the rest of the world and will say "Gentlemen, there must be no more fighting." They will throw in their force of arms with the country attacked and against the country that makes wer and in that way I believe the millenium will come. That is a ourious statement to make but I know something of the Chinese and their reasonable character and therefore I know they will act in a reason. able way ".

The interrupter was not there to ask Sir Robert whether the reasonableness will last if China finds herself "top dog."

EKCEPTION TO THE LIBERAL PARTY. Mrs. Robert Laidiaw, wife of the member for Renfrewshire, who will voice the opinions of the anti-opiumists at the postponed International Opium Conference in Shanghai in February, held a big reception to the Liberal party at her house in Prince's Gate on Friday. Most of the Liberal peers and almost all the Liberal members of the Commons and their wives were present. The reception was car. ried out in excellent style, with chrysanthemums and lilies for floral decorations, and Scotch singers and an orchestra to discourse sweet music during the evening. Mr. Asquith assisted Mrs. Laidlaw to receive the guests.

TRADE UNION FUNDS. The Trade-Unionists have been hard hit by the decision of the courts that compulsory levies on Trade Union members for the Parliamentary expenses of Labour M.P's are illegal. The action was taken by a prominent member of the Great Eastern Railway staff, who is a member of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants His immediate grievance was that he objected the British and the Japanese Governments to compulsory contributions to support members than now-which is surely a good guarantee who were coerced by the Labour party into for the future, seeing what a spirit of signing pledges to support the Socialist pro- unrest is abroad in India, Persia and China. gramme in the House. Mr. Bell, the railway With France we are very good friends, and if M.P., has been the especial object of vindictiven. we can only come to an agreement with the ness on the part of the Socialists because he! United States much trouble in thins, of which refused to sign the Socialist agreement. This our agents tell us, should be averted. Grave lawsuit is the answer of Mr. Bell's supporters. complications may presently take place in Now the Labour Unions will either have to get Palace quarters, such as to demand the attention their money together voluntarily, which has of all the Powers." never been easy, or they will have to elect their

permanent officials as M.P.s. Unionists who object to being forced to pay for out what I have said as to the Anglo-Japanese more or less ineffective Parliamentary represent. Treaty exactly, but the view I give is not ation luxuries, and they will raise the question | the official one, whereas that expressed in the in regard to all the unions in turn. Some of letter is entirely from the official as distinct the mining M.P.s are paid voluntarily by their from the commercial standpoint. supporters, but most of the present mouthpieces of the extreme and noisy wing of the Labour Party are directly affected by this decision. It was duly celebrated in European capitals on may be as a sort of reply to the Courts that a | Wednesday. After celebrations by the Legation wealthy Social Democratic manufacturer has staff in Portland Place there was a stream of promised a contribution to their funds that of seats they contested at the last election.

PERSONAL.

On Tuesday, at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, Mr. Colin Henderson, of King's Langley. married Mrs. Frances Louisa Taylor, widow of the late Mr. Charles Smith Taylor of Horsham, and formerly of Shanghai.

Dr. E. G. Horder, formerly medical missionary of the C.M.S. at Pakhoi, and lately Superintendent of the Farningham Home for Little Boys. died at the end of last week at the house of his father-in-law. Rev. S. D. Stubbs, at the age of

At the parish church of Caine, Wiltshire, on Wednesday, Mr. Richard Laird Pelham, only son of Sir Pelham Warren of Shanghal, married Mrs. Stella Bacon, widow of the late Rev. I. M. important still for the quick transport of troops

Mr. Pierpont Morgan, t) American financier, has just added to his collection of art curios a splendid rug reputed to come from the Imperial

ARMY EFFECTIVENESS.

Following the criticisms by Lord Roberts of our home defences in the House of Lords, there is a strong movement, I hear, backed by Lord Roberts and by Mr. Balfour, for an effective party within the two houses which will devote particular attention to the matter of army effectiveness. Lord "Bobs" aims frankly at conscription, but few others will go as far as that at present,

Mr. Haldane, on the other hand, is optimistic, Speaking to the new Territorials in South London the other night he declared that the modern division was not worth anything unless of the Chinese. It was at Lisburn, his native it was so constructed that it could be rapidly and town in Antrim, that he made the prediction swiftly mobilised and used to anticipate the He received there an address from the Town stroke, so that the counter stroke might be Council, enclosed in a silver casket, and given first. He said he was not under the next day presided at a local missionary slightest delusion as to the situation in which meeting. His reception was most flattering. they stood. They had made a very fine beginn-It was after he had made the usual local allu- ing; they had got as modern an organisation as sions suitable to such an occasion that Sir that of any army in the world. They were now Bolert branched out to speak of China and once | trying to work out mobilisation plans not only

All this, of course, taken in conjunction with reasonable people, but they hate the idea of the facts that next year more money will be having to become soldiers and they say, if spent on the Secret Service abroad, and that right is right, it ought to be recognised by the new Naval Base for the North Sea, at everybody, and we ought not to be required to Rosyth, is to be pushed night and day, points fight for it." Lircumstances, however, require to the conviction, even in official circles, that

Indeed I hear that the Secret Service men sively that Germany has her plans all laid for provement of the means of communication and invasion, if the tension should come to snapping transport. Now, in addition to ethics, they are point at any time. Moreover, I am assured to study Western science, in order to cope with by one who is in an exceptional position it and acquire the appliances which are in to judge in Berlin, that the much denied the Century were really true in substance and in fact, the Kaiser having been on the occasion of the visit of Dr. Hale on his yacht, unusually garrulous; but official wires of a most powerful kind have pulled ever since to prevent the harm that the publication would inevitably cause. I mention this statement, because 1 have great faith in my informant, and because the interview showed such violent apprehension of the "Yellow Peril" and such dislike for the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

THE JAPAN-AMERICAN AGREEMENT. Speaking of the Anglo-Japanese treaty reminds me that many of the American papers are looking with misgiving on the agreement between America and Japan. They are repeating Washington's advice to the nation to keep out of foreign entanglements, and, though Mr. Root is protesting that this is no treaty or formal alliance, the critics fied it both a binding instrument and one dangerously vague in its

It is a fact that on both sides of the Atlantic there is a feeling that, while it is desirable that the open door should be preserved in China, and peace should be assured in the Pacific, there has been that in Japanese commercial methods and recent diplomacy to give rise to suspicion in such matters as the Chinese future. There are not wanting those who, while not shivering like the Kaiser at the spectre of the Yellow Peril, are firmly convinced the West should not unite with the East in this formal manner.

Since writing these comments I have been shown a letter received by a high Japanese official, who was with Baron Komura both here in London and during the Portsmouth conference that led to peace. It was written in Tokyo six weeks ago and runs :--

"Many important developments may be expected before the end of the year, and too much credit cannot be giv to the British Government, through Sir Clauce Macdonald, its Ambassador here, for its exertions in removing causes of difference between us and the United States. There never was a closer accord between

The tragic events in Peking have since proved the accuracy of this last prediction, giving There are, to my knowledge, thousands of Trade weight to the rest of the letter. It does not bear people who had been slain.

THE NEW REIGN IN CHINA. The accession of the new Emperor of China callers including Mr. W. Tyrrell, on behalf of will allow that party to fight double the number | the Foreign Office, Mr. Beilly Alston, of the Foreign Office, Mr. Pritchard Morgan, for many years Consul-General here for Korea, and officers from the (hina Association and the China

Society. RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST. I hear from St. Petersburg that the Duma is about to repeal the free list on the tariff schedule operating in Russian territory in the Far East.

being overrun with Chinese, and it is desired to services to Captain Sheerer, and said the latter make living more expensive for them so as to was the real hero of the incident. check further arrivals.

Russia is planning the construction of railway from Cheliabinsk, through Troitsk, tween the Urals and the Altai, but more frontier.

LORD BONALDSHAY ON CHINA. Lord Ronaldshay, M.P., traveller, and author, gave an interesting address at the London Institution on Monday evening on "Railway and Commercial enterprise in China at the dawn of the Twentieth Century." He is of opinion that China must become one of the greatest markets of the world, but he drew a vivid picture of the backwardness of the country at the present day and the lack of the development of the mineral resources, for instance, of Shansi. He declared that England controls the cotton market but the rest of the trade is divided between Germany, Austria, the United States and Japan. He pointed to fancy cotton fabrics as affording the best opportunity for extension of business,

for by the aid of the right kind of this class of goods the poorer Chinaman would be able to vie was desirable to push new ideas for the cultivation ation of Chinese taste by the aid of clever. Paris. Chinese commercial travellers.

Passing to the railways he said their introduction had done more than anything else to extend foreign influence. Still there were thousands of miles of medieval communications and the new Chinese desire to construct and manage their own lines was a cause of weakness for the immediate present. It was an attitude however not likely to be long continued and progress in the future promised to be much more rapid than in the past.

the Hangchow-Ningpo lines he said the loans were guaranteed by the Chinese Government but the railways themselves were not mortgaged as security, and the European experts had no position except that of employes in the service of the Chinese Railway Administration. He was by no means certain that the average investor in these two ventures realised how great was the change in the conditions under which he had invested his money, and, probably when he did realise it, he would make up his mind that next time the Chinese wanted his money they "would have to offer him something more than an Imperial edict by way of security."

As intelligent Chinese were, however, feeling also that Chinese administration without European control was not to be trusted, these appeared to be bright hopes of the early freedom from Chinese interference with railway development, which offered under proper conditions the prospect of remarkably satisfactory profits in the future.

DISCOVERIES IN CHINESE TURKESTAN. Another lecture of this week was that of Dr A von Le Coq to the Asiatic Society on the recent discoveries made by the Royal Prussian Expedition to Chinese Turkestan. Lord Resy was in the chair and welcomed the lecturer as having made discoveries that were the greatest acquisition on the subject for fifty years. He congratulated him also on being the first recipient of a gold medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem for repeated efforts to save the life of the English traveller and officer Captain Sheerer of the Royal Garrison Astillery, when the latter was ill with fever in Kafhgar. Many striking lantern views were shown in

illustration of the lecture. Dr. von Le Coq said the country round Turfan, where he made most of his excavations, is a desert of moving dunes. The seasons are extreme, and duststorms are one of the bones of life there. In the centuries immediately preced ing the Christian era the population appeared to have been very heterogeneous. In the casis along the system of the Tarim, according to Chinese annals, there existed a cultivated people, belonging to the eastern branch of the Iranian race. Northward of these a race of

nomads existed. Accompanying the illustrations of the ruined peers. city of Turfan, as they were thrown on the screen, the lecturer said the city wall, sixty feet high, was built of sun dried bricks. In the centre of the city was a colossal terraced pyramid with recesses in the wall which formerly contained richly painted and gilded statues of Buddha. The building was probably the mansoleum of the Buddhist High Priest.

In the rains of a large monastery the lecturer also found a number of Syriac manuscripts and orher evidence which showed it to be a monistery. Think, it is safe to say, it will not be adopted. of Nestorian monks.

Christians, Buddhists, and Manicheans seemed to have lived peaceably together, showing the tolerance of the government, but it must be added that a large vanited building was found containing the bodies of about three hundred

His chief treasure Dr. von Le Coq described as a water colour painting of a Manichean high priest, probably the only Manichean wall painting known. He also discovered in Singhim many wall paintings of Buddhs, the colours as fresh as if the painter had only just removed his brush-together with embroideries, paintings on silk, and manuscripts. These, in his opinion belonged to the seventh century, A.D.

After the lecture Sir Richard Temple and Sir Herbert Perrott, on behalf of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, spoke of Dr. von Le Coq's bravery in going deliberately three times over some of the most dangerous passes in the world. to deliver to a sick friend the necessary food

and clothing. Endorsed by the Prince of Wales, the only Gold Medal ever given by the Order was then presented to the traveller amid loud and prolonged cheering. In reply Dr. von Le Coq,

Russian towns from Vladivostock westward are | with characteristic modesty, made light of his

A PARIS BENSATION. The remarkable Steinheil case in Paris, in which Madame Steinheil, the attractive wife of Kustani, Akmolinsk, to Semipalatinsk on the a painter, is accused of killing her husband and Irtysh. It will be valuable for commerce be mother-in-law, is the sole subject of discussion in France. Fresh lovers who have been intimate with the bewitching prisoner appear daily. It from the Orenburg Government to the Chinese appears the couple did not prosper till Madame made use of her charms, and then rich men and powerful flocked to their house made love to the wife while giving orders decoration over the expanse of its twelve stories for portraits to the husband. The latter seems to have been a flabby sort of fish, incapable of a good or a markedly bad action, while the wife was svid of admiration.

The late President Faure died of apoplexy while she was with him, and among others who have been enamoured of her were high officials. doctors, merchants, judges, mayors, counts, and all manner of men of wealth. That was the one thing necessary, wealth. She cheerfully agrees that all her amours had a cash basis.

Among the potentates most ensuared was King Sisowath of Cambodia, who came over in 1906 and was introduced to Madame at Longchamp races, in the President's box, Straightway his Eastern majesty fell head and ears in love and forgot the dancing girls he had brought China was so self-supporting that the only way to the way from Cambodia. Private interviews to create new business was to introduce new followed, and the "Presse Coloniale", which wants and create the demand. To this end its structure for the story, says this was the reason

Another victim of the lady's charms was a rich Indian rajah well known both in Indian and London society.

In spite of all these revelations Madame continues to be tolerably gay, "Yes" she said to the examining magistrate yesterday, "my husband deceived me once, but that enough." "Tell me the details" said the magistrate. "He made me think he could paint" replied the prisoner. Even, the magistrate laughed, but, checking himself, said it was Speaking of the Tientsin-Pu-kou railway and not the place for such jokes. "Ah, life is "GRAFT" IN LONDON.

I am afraid before long we will have to stop throwing stones at America as the home of "graft" and corruption in municipal life. return just extracted from the Attorney General shows that in London alone, during the past two years twenty-two officials have been convicted of corrupt municipal administration, and ten cases are still pending. Five of the officials convicted were robbing work-houses systematically, three were contractors and the rest were small tradesmen acting as "guardians" of the poor. One was an alderman of the London ounty Council, and another had been mayor of a London borough for three years in

succession. POLITICAL CIRCLES.

Politics are in a queer way. The Lords having contemptuously thrown out the Licensing Bill, the Government still clings to office especially as Chelmsford in the by election of this week has added a second notice to quit to that given by the Lords. Now, to add to the topsyturveydom of affairs, the Lords have reported that they don't consider themselves satisfactory and their House should be reformed. I hardly be opened by the Postmaster-General on Friday. think the changes they propose will meet the criticisms of their enemies outside, but they are drastic enough in their way. Lord Rosebery was chairman of the Committee that has presented this report and men of both sides of politics sat on it. The total number of peers acting in the House would, under this scheme, be under four or more than two hundred less than are at present eligible. The new House would consist of three classes. First, two hundred hereditary peers, elected by the whole of those at present eligible. Thus a large number of those now acting would be excluded from the House. Ireland and Scotland now is represented by such elected peers and not by all those carrying are a title, so that the new proposal makes all the part. ners in Great Britain alike in treatment. The peers would be elected for one Parliament only The second class will be qualified hereditary peers, consisting of those who have held high office under the (rown at home or abroad, or have otherwise given distinguished service to the State. . The third section will co sist of life In the second class of qualified peers the number is estimated at 130, and the life peers are set down at forty, allowing for an annual increment of four. The peers of the Royal Blood are three and the Lords of Appeal Ordinary, five. To this add eight bishops and two archbishops and the total is 380. The bishops are to select eight of their number to represent them in addition to the Archbishops. In the qualified peers section, accommodation is provided for those who have served with distinction in Colonial capacities and Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, are given special recognition. The scheme is interesting, but, I

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued

the following report:-On the 4th at 11.55 s.m.—The barometer has fallen considerably in Japan, and risen slightly on the E. and N.E. coast of China. There are two depressions over the Japanese area, one moving into the Pacific to the N.E.

of Hokkaido and the other moving towards N.E. in the Sea of Japan. Pressure, which remains considerably below the normal over hina, is giving way again along the Yangtze Valley where another depression appears to be developing.

Moderate to high monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the N. part, of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending st 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches. The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon

to-day is as follows :--Hongkong & Neighbourhood (*) N.E. winds, Formoss Channel mod'te or light. South coast of China between | Same as No. Hongkong and Lamocks.

South coast of China between ? Same as No. 1 Hongkong and Hainan ... } (*) E. winds, moderate; cloudy, drizzling rain or mist.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SAN FRANCISCO.

GOEGEOUS CHINESE DISPLAY. The San Francisco Chronicle of the 27th ult. contains the following:--- Hack to the old line that made San Francisco's afternoon sidewalk parade world-famous, back to the old joy of the blowing out of the old year, a ceremony that started and evolved right here by the Golden Gate and then became a distinctive feature of San Francisco life. That is the feeling before this New Year's

eve. The St. Francis Hotel, as it was at the time of the visit of the fleet, will blaze the new center of the retail district with a glorious electrical three tall flag poles. Chinatown will provide a monster dragon that will have two hundred human legs for motive power in Four automobiles will go flaring Greek the prominent corners military bands will be stationed to play spirited music from 8 o'clock till midnight. Market street, from the glitting

forry tower out to the end of Van Ness, will

be strung across overhead with incandescents

like a giant ladder flung down from on high and its every rung aflame. At many corners special stands will belch up their red fire. The whole new retail district, the shopping area of the rebuilt city, the area wide round. about Union square, will be aglow, with illumination, for the artistic new street lights with their graceful pendant clusters of frosted globes will brighten the dense throng, that noisy, tireless, never stopping current of humanity that moves and moves and blows horns and showers confetti and laugh, and is never tired, pretty girls, youths, men, dignified men, parents, horns to mouths blaring the carnival chorus, and removing the horns only to laugh and cast

back more confetti. The sidewalks are rapidly being cleared and prepared for smooth passage over the occasional breaks where new pavement has not yet replaced the old. The Downtown Merchants' Association is looking to all these details, to the illuminations, to the red fire, to the military bands, to the preparation of the sidewalks that are not rebuilt, to the incorporation of a hinese dragon in the show, a wonder monster symbol of China with more than a centipedo's legs, and every pair of legs a Chinese, his body hidden within the scaly length of the flerce-faced dragon.

This year, with all its earlier difficulties for the whole country, has been pretty good to San Francisco and she can laugh better than any other American city, because she has been through the worst that can come to still rising, and right down where the typical night life used to be, where it will be again finer, showier cleaner, than ever in the past the throngs will surge and parade this New Year's eve to blow out old 1908 and welcome with grins and smiles and laughter the new 1909 that will come in with that sudden thrilling midnight siren chorus of unending steam whistles and that indescribable commingling of the noises of tens of thousands of tie horns blaring and fusing into a deafening drone of mighty sound reverberating between lofty buildings throughout the length of resplendently lighted downtown

WIRELESS SERVICE.

POST OFFICE STATION OPENED AT BOLT HEA 250 MILES BANGE. A new era in wireless telegraphy was inaugurated last month when the Post Office opened a "wireless" station. With regard to this important step following official

Mr. Buxton's department :-A "new radio-telegraph station, which been erected for the Post Office at Bolt Head, will "Bolt Head is close to the extreme southern point of Devonshire, and the site has been selected as one specially convenient for ships passing up or down Channel. The station will be available for communication with all ships fitted with wireless telegraphy, whatever their nationality, and whatever the particular system of radio-telegraphy with which they may be equipped. It will, of course, be worked in accordance with the provisions of the International Radio-Telegraphic Convention, which was ratified by his Majesty's Government in June last,

and came into operation on July 1. "The great majority of the liners which call at ports in the English Channel can be communicated with through the station. It will also be available for transmitting, to and from ships, messages originating at or destined for places

"The station has been erected for the Post Office by the Marconi Company, the contract for the work having been assigned to them after tenders had been received from the principal wireless telegraph companies. It embodies the latest improvements in radio-telegraphy, and is intended to be a model of its kind.

"Its range is 250 miles, but for the most part t will probably not have occasion to exchange messages with ships beyond 100 miles. It will also be used for communication with the Channel Islands, if there is any interruption in the telegraph cable between England and the islands. "It may be added that, since July last, when Radio-telegraphic Convention came into force, the eight stations in the United Kingdom which are worked by the Marconi Company for ship-and-shore' purposes, have been open for communication with ships equipped with any vystem under precisely similar regulations those which will be operative at Bolt Head. will be remembered that apprehensions were expressed in various quarters that the throwing open of these stations for communication with all systems alike would lead to the deterioration of the service and tend to destroy the Marconi Company's business. The Government, fortified by the advice of the Select Committee on the in time to enjoy the Christmas holidays Radio-telegraphic Convention came to an op-

"The company ultimately withdrew their op-Post Office in giving effect to the convention. for precedence. With the witnesses and lawyers Up to the present no difficulty has arisen in the they crowded to its utmost limits the largest working of the new arrangements, while the courtroom in the building. increased, and several additional ships have been equipped with the company's apparatus."

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.G.I. str. Capri left Singapore for this port on 1st inst, and may be expected here on or about the 7th inst.

The I.G.M. str. P. E. Friedrich which left | ing the defendant, as a rule, with improper here on Thursday the 31st ult. at noon has conduct. arrived at Shanghai on Sunday the 3rd inst. at]

Hongkong on 5th ult. were delivered in San Francisco on the 1st inst.

on Saturday the 2nd inst. at 8.30. at Singapore on Sunday the 3rd inst. at 8 a.m. freedom before Christmas.

Accompanied by Terrible Itching-A Complicated and Most Distress-Ing Case—Well-known Remedies Failed to Cure-Doctor Thought an Operation Necessary—Then

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"I am now eighty years old and one morning, three years ago, I was taken with a hard pain in my right side. In two days I had an attack of piles (hemorrhoids), bleeding and protruding. The doctor gave me some medicine and an ointment for them which helped me some but I had to keep using them all Then I changed to the Premedy; but if I did not use it every would get worse. The doctor said the only help for me was to go to a hospital and be operated on. At this time, about a year ago, I went to using the 8—remedies. I tried them for four or five months but did not get much help for my piles. During this time sores would come on a fleshy part of my body. They bothered me all I would get one healed and would come. These to eczema, accompanied by itching. It seemed as if could not keep my hands from tearing my fiesh. This and the pile trouble on an inflamed condition. Then I got the Cuticura Remedies. I washed the affected parts with Cuticura Soap and warm water in the morning. at noon, and at night, then used Cutlcura Ointment on the irritated sur-faces and injected a quantity of Cutiours Ointment with a Cuticura Suppository Syringe. I also took Cuti-cura Resolvent Pills three times a day. It took a month of this treatment to get me in a fairly healthy state and then I treated myself once a day for three months and, after that, once or twice a week. It is fortunate that I used Cuti-The treatments I had tried took a lot of money that I would have saved by using Cuticura Remedies sooner, but I am wiser now, and I would not feel cafe without them. J. H. Henderson. Hopkinton, St. Lawrence: Co., N. Y. U. B. A., April 26, 1907.

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CHINESE IMMIGRATION IN CANADA.

A clever and far-reaching scheme for defraud. ing the (anadian revenue has been laid bare by the Controller of Chinese Immigration in Canada. Within the last twelve months a large number of young Chinamen have been allowed to land at the Eastern ports without paying the £100 head-tax, on the plea, supported by apparently unimpeachable evidence, that they were merchants, scientific men, or tourists. now appears that the vast majority have gained admittance to the Dominion on false pretences. Of 280 immigrants who escaped the tax at Montreal and Halifax, only 15 were actually entitled to exemption. Altogether, the loss to the Exchequer is estimated at £30,000. The Department is convinced that a syndicate is at the bottom of the business. Mr. F. O'Hara, after he became t ontroller of Immigration in August last, went to Vancouver to look into the methods of inspection there, where the influx of the yellow aliens is largest. Out of 300 or 400 newcomers a mere handful would escape the tax. This made him all the more suspicious of the Chinese who came in at Montreal and Halifax under the exemption clause. Accordingly, when fourteen young Celestials landed at Montreal the other week, all armed with the familiar credentials, they were met by the controller and his faithful interpreter. Lu Mong Kow. One by one they were led out and questioned, and in a frightened and incoherent manner each told very much the same story. They had been in Mexico five or six months, but as times were dull they had done no business. None of the new comers possessed more than £4, and when reminded that this was scant capital for a merchant, each produced what purported to be a draft. These documents were drawn in thinese characters on plain yellow paper by the Woy Fung Bank, Merico, on the hew Kar ompany of New York, the latter name meaning literally, "Face to Face We Know it." The amounts ranged from £96 to and the holders stated that the drafts would be honoured by a hinese firm in Montreal. The firm in question, however, knew nothing about the busines, and expressed a desire not to get mixed up with the affair.

125 PLAINTIFFS.

CHRISTMAS BUSH FOR DIVORCE.

While clergymen and social reformers in all parts of this continent are engaged in fervid denunciation of the divorce evil, New York today, says a New York dispatch of the 9th ult., furnished a unique example of the celerity with which the divorce mails in this country are able

to work. It was the "clearing day" in the Divorce Division of the Supreme Court, and the announcement by Justice Dowling that all uncontested cases not ready for trial would be adjourned till Easter caused a stampede of women plaintiffs eager to secure their freedom

When I arrived, says the correspondent, there were 125 ladies of all ages, some not out of their teens, some verging on the sixties, clamouring

traffic dealt with at the Marconi station has At the last moment a tall, slender woman furs, rushed to one of the clerks and gasped,

"I'm looking for-"For the Divorce Court, madam," politely responded the clerk.

"How did you know that! "Because ladies are always looking for the Divorce Court just before Christmas. A moment later Mr. Dowling began hearing the evidence, which was delivered rapidly, charg-

No Bow-street magistrate could have polished off "drunks and disorderlies" with greater The mails per the P.M. str. Siberia from despatch than did Mr. Dowling these divorce and when I left the divorce mill was grinding

suits. By noon forty decrees had been granted. The C.P.R. str. Monteagle arrived Vancouver out more decrees at the rate of ten to fifteen an hour. Mr. Dowling announced he would sit till The I.G.M. str. Buelow which left here on two o'clock in the morning, if necessary, to Wednesday the 30th ult. at noon, has arrived satisfy the aspirations of litigants to secure

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Masters of Craft and Coxswains of Launcher should keep clear of these vessels and proceed at slow speed when passing, as the wash set up by them is liable to interfere with correct Observations.

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 31st December, 1908.



HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

TT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that information has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under :-From 4th to 23rd January, 1909:-

From Customs Pass and Chin Lan Chu over the area Kaulung Peak, Tates Cairn, Buffalo Hill, Razor Hill and High Junk Peak, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M. daily, and finishing at 4 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day. All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remained unclaimed after Monday the 11th Jan., at Noon; will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before

the 11th Jan., or they will not be recognized. All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 11th Jan., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. P. DE CHAMPMORIN,

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT is now ready and contains:---Epitome of the Week's News.

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NOTICE. HE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ADOLF CARL SCHOMBURG and WILHELM WIEDERHOLD in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1908. MR. CARL ROBERT LENZMANN has been Admitted a partner in our Firm from.

This Date. CARLOWITZ & Co. China, Japan, Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.
Hamburg, New York

NOTICE. THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of our late Mr. CARL GEORGE RICHARD BRODERSEN CEASED upon his death, which took place at Shanghai on the 2nd October last. MR. HANS AUGUST SIEBS and MR. EUGEN SIEBERT have This Day been

Admitted as Partners in our Firm. SIEMSSEN & Co. Shanghai. 1st January, 1909, [132 Hongkong & China COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE

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downs for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims wil be admitted after the goods have left the

E. A. HEWETT Superintendent. Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.

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MR. ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF NATION EXCELLENT.

TRUST WAR.

PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE LABOUR CONDITIONS.

Mr. Roosevelt's Message, the last of his having arrived. Consignees, of Cargo are hereby Presidential career extending over seven and a informed that their Goods, with the exception half years, was a lengthy document, the chief

1.-National power required to control com-2.-Prohibition of child labour, diminution of Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West | women labour, shortened hours of all mechanical 3.-Progressive inheritance tax on large

have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining | 4,-Necessity of preserving the national Northern China, Central Asia, and Northern

5.—President mentions that he has set aside tracts of land to serve as santuaries and nurseries for wild creatures.

6.-Recommends postal savings banks with Government security. 7.—Plan for organising great body

8.—Completion, as soon as possible, of four new battleships.

The message comprises thirty-four subjects ranging from finance, corporations, and labour to secret service, education in Alaska, and deforestation evils in China, the latter of which are rehearsed at great length in the section recommending immediate afforestation in the United States. The President earnestly recommends reforms, principally connected with

the anti-trust and labour laws. Out of 32,000 words composing the document, three subjects are prominent and occupy twothirds of the whole. Over 8,000 words are devoted to labour problems; 3,500 to corporations, and 2,500 to forest preservation. Foreign affairs are dismissed in sixty words, which declare that We have behaved, and are behaving, towards other nations as in private life an honourable man would behave towards his fellows." There is no reference to the recent agreement with

The message begins with an optimistic note on the excellent financial standing of the country, but the President hopes that "the Currency commission will be able to propose a thoroughly good system which will do away with the existing defects." During the seven years of the President's office there has been a net surplus of £20,000,000 of receipts over expenditure, reduction of the interest-bearing debt by £18,000,000, in spite of the extraordinary expense

of the Panama anal, and a saving elsewhere of nearly £2,000,000. There have been no new taxes and no increase of taxes, but in some cases a reduction. Regarding corporations, the President advocates that instead of attempting to prohibit all

combinations the Sherman anti-trust law should be replaced by a law which will expressly permit combinations which are in the interests of the public. He would like to see however, the control of all such combinations placed under the Government. The railways, telegraphs and telephones engaged in inter-state business he advocates being put under the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and removed from the domain of the anti-trust

LAWLESS CAPITALISTS. The President expressly urges that the people through their representatives, should act in this matter and not permit "every lawless capitalist," every law-defying corporation to take any action, no matter how iniquitous, in the effort to secure improper profit and to build up privilege." In this connection he denounces

The corporation section finishes with one of the most important paragraphs in the message. The President says: "The danger to American democracy lies not in the least in the concentration of administrative power in responsible and accountable hands. It lies in having the power insufficiently concentrated, so that no one can be held responsible to the people for its use. Concentrated power is palpable. visible, responsible, easily reached, quickly held to account. Power scattered through many administrators is impalpable, unseen, irresponsible, cannot be reached, cannot be held to account. Democracy is in peril wherever the administration of political power is scattered among a variety of men who work in secret, whose very names are unknown to the common people."

The President goes very deeply into Labour matters, both as regards; the employers duty towards Labour and the latter's duty to employers. "As far as possible I hope to see a frank recognition of the advantages conferred by machinery organisation and division of labour, accompanied by an effort to bring about a larger share in the ownership by wage-earners of railway, mill, and factory. In farming this simply means that we wish to see the farmer own his own land. We do not wish to see the farms so large that they become the property of absentee landlords, nor yet so small that the

farmer becomes like a European peasant," He speaks of the great savings made by the people, who themselves become capitalists through the sayings banks, and says, "The de- and income is considerably reduced. Thus, the positors in our savings banks now number over | surplus on last year's working was only one-tenth of our population." "Corporate finances must be supervised, so as to make it far safer than at present for the man of which is quite independent of the large sums small means to invest his money in stocks. There must be prohibition of child labour, fire insurance of the Commissioner's buildings diminution of woman labour, shortening of hours of all mechanical labour; stock watering | trade from Europe is dealt with at the jetties, should be prohibited, and stock gambling, as far as possible, discouraged. There should be progressive inheritance tax on large fortunes."

The President thinks that one of the most im- from the jetties was estimated at Rs. 13,97,000 portant immediate necessities is that providing but the sum actually earned was Rs. 15,69,640 of old age pensions and the enactment of laws an increase of Rs. 2,65,267 as compared with for the protection of wage workers who are 1906-07. During the year 254 vessels aggregatkilled, crippled or worn out under the present ing 895,525 tone were accommodated at the industrial system. The present system of pro- jetties, as compared with 224 vessels aggregating viding for them is, says the President, of bene- 764,419 tons in the preceding year. fit to only one class of people-lawyers-and he condemns the delays and expenses of lawsuits which workmen are compelled to institute to gain compensation. He declares that "the generosity of the United States towards its employees compares most unfavourably with

the duty of increasing the "totally inadequate two motor vans for the conveyance of samples of salaries now given to our judges." He would ten to the Brokers' marts. No fewer than 102 like to see the salaries doubled, especially those vessels brought petroleum to the port, aggreof the Supreme Court judges.

LECTURES LABOUR UNIONS. ers of organised labour made during the last oil headed the list, America coming next and election upon the entire judiciary of the coun- Borneo third. Only one vessel brought Russian try, and in some 3,000 words reads a lecture to oil. It may not be generally known that the labour unions on their attempt to legalise black. Port extends for a distance of 120 miles, i.e., listing and boycotting, and rejoices "that the from Cossipore to the light vessels at the labouring men of the country, by the way in entrance of the river. The phenomenal developwhich they repudiated the effort to get them to ment of the Indian coal industry has contributed cast their votes in response to an appeal to class largely to the up keep of the Kidderpore Docks,

and Americanism."

After treating at length on afforestation, the Ferry service, inaugurated in 1907, which is message recommands active work to be begun filling a distinct want, and proposals for the on the inland waterways, "on which hundreds extension of the service are now under consideraof millions have been spent, and yet on which the traffic is steadily declining." Re- public have every reason to be satisfied with the commendations follow for the establishment of administration of the Port of Calcutta. Calcutta Englishman. postal savings banks, the extension of the parcels post, the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona as states, the extension of the Ocean

Australasia. He asks that the territory of Hawaii be improved and developed, and emphasises the need of appropriations to continue the naval base at

at Pearl Harbour and make the islands practially

Mail Act of 1891, assisting American mail lines.

to South America, Asia, the Philippines, and

impregnable. He treats of the Philippines at some length, and says that real progress towards self-government is being made there. The President believes that the Fillippinos will continue in the direction of self-government "until they become fit to decide for themselves whether they desire to be an independent nation." message also recommends that American citizenship be conferred on the people of Porto

The House was crowded, and the message was listened to with unusual interest. Several Representatives have said that they consider the message the strongest and most conservative that the President has issued during his whole term of office. They believe that it will have a beneficial effect upon the stock market and business generally, owing to the President's

" sane treatment " of the trust question. The following passages are extracted from the

President's message: rights of every decent man, whether he be a over the matter. man of great wealth or a man who earns his livelihood as a wage worker or a tiller of the

In point of danger to the nation there is nothing to choose between, on the one hand the corruptionist, the bribe-giver, the bribe-taker, the man who employs his great talent to swindle his follow citizens on a large scale, and, on the other hand, the preacher of class hatred, the man who whether from ignorance or from willinguess to sacrifice his country to his ambition, persuades well-meaning but wrong-headed men to try to destroy the instruments upon which our prosperity mainly rests.

The number of accidents which result in the. death or crippling of wage-workers, in the Union at large, is simply appalling; in a very few years it runs up a total far in excess of the aggregate of the dead and wounded in any modern war.

Probably in no other respect is our legislation, both state and national; so far behind practically the entire civilised world as in the matter of liability and compensation for accidents in industry. It is humiliating that at European international congresses on accidents the United States should be singled out as the most belated among the nations in respect to employers' liability legislation.

I take this opportunity publicly to state my appreciation of the way in which in Japan, in Australia in New Zealand, and in all the States of South America the battle fleet has been received on its practice voyage around the world The American Government, cannot teo strongly express its appreciation of the abounding and generous hospitality shown our ships in every p ort they visited.

THE PORT OF CALCUTTA.

The citizens of Calcutta have every reason to be satisfied with the steady progress that is being made in bringing the port and everything connected with it into line with modern require: ments and the demands of commerce and trade. Every year sees an expansion in some direction predatory wealth." and emphasises the to meet some pressing want. Now it is in the necessity for control by a central Government. erection of new jetties north and south; again in the construction of new warehouses, and so on. progress and expansion in every direction to meet the increasing trade of the port. These reflections suggest themselves on perusal of the administration report for the year 19 7-08 just issued by the Commissioners of the Port of Calcutta. It has often been said that i the affairs of all our great public spending and administrative departments were as successfully administered as the Calcutta Rort Trust, the occupation of the captions or any other kind of critic would be gone. We are inclined to subscribe to this view.

From the report before us we gather that the income of the port has increased with the last ten years from Rs. 62,32,821 to Rs. 1,09,57,142, and for the current year it has been estimated at Rs. 120 lakhs. But for the fact that the rates have been reduced in the four years 1902-3 to 1905-6 to the extent of 9 lakhs per annum, the income of the Trust would, in a period of 11 years have more than doubled itself. The expenditure has kept pace with the income, showing varying surpluses; the leading idea of the Trust being to apply the increasing income, to the best possible advantage in the interests of the public, and in this way to meet the annual expanding requirements of trade. It is pointed out that in past years the charges on goods and shipping have been reduced to an extent approximating the amount of the recurring surpluses; and follows that the margin between expenditure Rs. 1.73,037. This sum has been added to the Revenue Reserve Fund, raising it to Rs. 20,32,010, accumulated on account of sinking funds and of and replacement of their yesse's. The import where the traffic has increased enormously necessity extension of the jetties north and south of the bridge. An increase in the income

It is interesting to note that, of the imports delivered from the jetties,567,239 tons, or 72 per cent. were disposed of by carts, which shows the importance of the "sagarwalla," or bullock-cart, in the economy of the trade of the port. Much expansion has taken place in the provision of that of every country in Europe even the warehouse accommodation for handling the enormous tea trade of the port. As an instance The message earnestly urges upon Congress of up-to-date ideas, the Commissioners maintain gating 61,875,306 gallons, being an increase of 6,046,697 gallons, over the figures for the preced-The President denounces the attack the lead- ing year. It is interesting to note that Burma hatred, have emphasised their sound patriotism whence the coal exports during the past year exceeded 3 million tons. Then there is the new

tion, Altogether, the Commissioners and the

FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Describing Myrtle Grove, the quaint Elizabethan structure at Youghal, where Raleigh resided after repressing Desmond's rebellion in 1579, (now the residence of Sir Henry and Lady Blake) a writer in the Gentlewonan says every. thing is marvellous preservation, seemingly untouched by time since Raleigh's day. The old oak-panelled rooms and fine carved oak mantel piece in the drawing room are all reminiscent of the Elizabethan age; and the picturesque parish church hard by, said to be the earlier one in present day use in Ireland, is likewise replete with interest. Here the reputed tomb of the famous Catherine Countess of Desmond, who died at the age of 140 years from the effects of a fall from a cherry tree which she had climbed in pursuit of her favourite fruit, is till shown.

Mr. Tom Johnson, the popular Mayor of Cleveland, makes the announcement that his seven years' fight for three cent fares on the street railways of the city has cost. him his private fortune and that now he is practically a poor man. The Chicago correspondent of the Chronicle says that Mr. Johnson is giving up his magnificent home on Euclin-avenue, the finest thoroughfare in Cleveland, all The war we wage must be waged against automobiles, and his horses and carriages. He misconduct, against wrongdoing where it is declares that the fight has cost him £1,000,000, found, and we must stand heartily for the and that he has entirely neglected his business

> Hitherto no giraffe has been known from the Western Soudan, but early in October, according to the Field, the menagerie of the Paris museum received a young male, some months old, obtained about 300 kilometres to the northeast of Timbuctoo. Dr. E. Troussaut in La Natures remarks that the Timbuctoo giraffe. as represented by this young male, although very close to the typical Nubian animal, presents in the shape of the head certain features recalling. the Kordofan and perhaps the British Nigerian

> To an older generation of playgoers the news of the death of Miss Lydia Thompson will mean another sapping of the link with the days of burlesque and the Bancroft management, Miss Thompson, who was in her 72nd year, and retained almost to the last that vivacity and charm of personality, which made her so genuine a public favourite, began her career at an early age as a ballet dancer, but speedily made a name for herself in burlesque.

> An interesting paralled in the Peerage of Scotland to the Barony of Fairfax, the claim to which has just been decided, is the Newburgh earldom, the holders of which have for more than a century been Italian nobles. In 1757 Cecilia, granddaughter of Charlotte Maria, Countess of Newburgh, became the wife Benedict. Prince Giustiniani, and in 1793 her son Vincent became de jure the sixth Earl although he did not claim the title. Since that time the Scottish peerage, which was confirmed by the House of Lords to Vincent's daughter, has been distinctly foreign, and quite dissociated from England. On the death of the third Baron Gardner the claimant to the title was one Alan Hyle Gardner, the son of a Mahomedan princess and the husband of an Indian wife.

His Majesty is not especially devoted to Shakespeare, nor heavy pieces of any sort, at least, so says the Bustander. "I am too tired at the end of the day," he said recently to an eminent actor "for a long and serious piece, however good it may be in its line, or however well acted. I stand in need of recreation after ny work. Hence von see me visit to those theatres where amusing comedies, or light musical pieces, are given."

The American multi-millionaire is indeed man of surprises. It is not long since we read that Mr. Charles M. Schwab, the fabulously wealthy "Steel King," had made a wedding gift of four million dollars to his sister; now we learn that he has sold his horses, dismissed his magnificent New York palace, and gone into the country to retrench. Less than thirty years ago Mr. Schwab was serving behind the counter in a small procery store at Braddock for a few dollars a week, as a preliminary to driving stakes for the Carnegie Company at a dollar While he was still in the thirties he was credited with a salary of 800,000 dols, a year and, at forty, his holding in the company for which twenty years earlier he had driven stakes was estimated at nearly 40,000,000 dols.

A postal novelty has been introduced in France. It is now possible to send from any important town in France to another what are called letter telegrams. The rate is a centime a word, or in other words ten words for a penny. with a minimum charge of five centimes (one halfpenny). These letter telegrams are received for transmission after 9 p.m. They are telegraphed in the usual way, and delivered early on the following morning by the postman. present a letter from Paris to Marseilles takes on an average twenty-four hours to reach its destination. The saving of time under the new system will be a great boon.

Queen Alexandra is generally considered the

most versatile of all the Royal ladies of Europe Indeed, her interests and activities, says M.A.P. are almost infinite, and she excels as a musician, a needlewoman, a "whip," a water-colour artist a philanthropist, and, above all, as a mother and mistress of a Royal household. Of late years the Queen has shown a great interest in fencing. Her Majesty's agility with foils being remarkable. The Queen, the King, has a fine collection walking-sticks, some of which are beautifull ewelled, while others have the handles hand also has a large collection of the portraits of curious hobby is the keeping of the different styles of hats and bonnets which she has worn for the last 20 years. Every hat or bonnet is dates of the most important occasions on which that particular hat or bonnet was worn by its Royal owner

Mr. J. W. Gulland, M.P. has taken the Lord Advocate to task about the name for the Scottish Education Department. The Lord Advocate claimed that he had Burns, Byron, and Scott on of the delicious flavour of thina tess, the his side. Mr. Gulland cites good examples of popular verdict seems to be that no tea coming Burns to the contrary. In the epistle to from China can compare with the various teas William Simson he says :-

At Wallace' name, what Scottish blood But boils up in a spring-tide flood! And in the "Cottar's Saturday Night":-To you I sing, in simple Scottish lays.

Again, in the dedication of the fir t Edinburgh edition he describes himself as a Scottish bard. Byron wrote English Bards and Scotch RePREMIUM

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viewers, but "Scottish" is to be found in the ! poem. Sir Walter is cited far more effectively. Sir Herbert Maxwell declares for Scottish, but philologically, he thinks one as erroneous as the other, for both arise from the random application of the aspirate in southern English. In northern English, which remained the literary language of Scotland until the 17th century, and is still the spoken dialect of the Lowlands, the adjectival form of " Scot " was " Scottis, " just

as "Inglis" stood for "English." the adjectival form of "Engle" or "Angle." He thinks the AS SUPPLIED TO THE HOUSE OF right designation would be" The Scots Education Department." Another correspondent in in the Scotsman points out that Mr. Gulland is unconsciously supported in a letter on another subject on the same day by no less an authority than Mr. Andrew Lang, who used the terms "Scottish Ladies" and "Scots Law."

BRITISH AND THINA TEA.

In a recent article on tea drinking in this country it was stated that thing tea is establishing its hold on the public to a greater extent than formerly, but, according to an expert, it does not by any means follow that the consumption of Indian tea is correspondingly on the decrease. The total amount of bina tea used in the United Kingdom last year was something like 9,000,000lb. It is true that this figure shows an increase of 4,000,000lb in the consumption on the preceding year, but this is probably not due entirely to a growing popularity, but is rather accounted for by the lower prices which obtained, and by the heavier stocks carried. Whatever the cause, however, the total consumption sinks into insignificance when conpared with that of British-grown tea, which during the present year has already amounted to a total of 250,000,000lb

When Indian tea was first introduced to England in 1864, the amount consumed naturally much smaller than that coming from China, the figures being 2,800,000lb. and 85,799,235lb respectively. Twenty years later, when eylon tea was first introduced, the consumption of the three kinds was as follows: thing ten. 110.843.000lb; indian ten 62,717.000lb; and veylon tea, 1,500,000lb. At the present day the figures are 250,000,000lb o Indian and tevlon tea, and about 9,000,000lb of hina tea. From these figures it will be seen how completely tea from our own dependencies has replaced that imported from hima Nor is is this predominance limited to the United Kingdom, it applies with equal force to nearly

every other country. The figures relating to exported tea are interesting. In 1905 27,000,000lb of British-grown. tea was experted from England; the following year this quantity was increased to 42,000,000lb, but dropped to 36,000,000lb in 1907. Explanations for the decrease will be found in an increase in prices; and in the fact that very much more tea is being shipped direct from India and Ceylon to different countries requiring it.

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CLEARANCES. AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. 4th January.

Batoum, British str., for Balik Pappon. Ernest Simons, French str., for Europe. Fausang, Pritish str., for Hongay. Helene Richmers, German str., for Bangkok. Kiangping, Chinese str., for Canton. Progress, Norwegian str., for Mojt. Ragnar, Norwegian str., for Rajang. Taikosan Maru, Jap. str., for Kutchintzu.

> DEPARTURES. 4th January.

CHENAN, British str., for Canton. Fumi Maru, Jap. str., for Balik Pappan. HELENA, American cruiser, for Canton. HONG WAN I, British str., for Amoy. KWONGSANG, British str., for Shanghai. MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Shanghai. . Pongrong, German str., for Bangkok. PROSPER, Norwegian str., for Canton. SHANSI, British str., for Canton. Sydney, French str., for Shanghai. TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Canton. TINGSANG, British str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The Chinese str. Klangping reports: N.E. light wind and fine weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

January 4th. ABERDEEN DOCK .- Haimun. KOWLOON DOCK .- Triumph, H.M.S. Fame, Janus, Taranga, Michael Jebson, Miandal, Houngskan. COSMOPOLITAN DOCK .- Gregory Apear.

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ONDON &C., VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	ABSAYE	Brit. str —	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co	On 9th inst, at Noon.
ONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c	NILE	Brit. str	E. P. Martin	P. & O. S. N. Co	About 13th inst.
ONDON & ANTWERP	GLENBARN	Brit. str	_	MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 11th inst.
ONDON. ANTWERP & HAMBURG	CARNARYONSHIRE	Brit. str		Shewan, Tomes & Co	End of January,
OTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAPTS, &c	DEN OF OGIL	Ger. str k.w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIS	To-day.
AVRE & HAMBURG VIL STRAITS, &c	ISTRIA	Ger. str k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th inst.
ARVE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c	BARCELONA	Ger. str. k.w.	Porzelins	HAMBURG-AMBRIKA LINIE	On 25th inst.
IAVRE & HAMFURG VIA STBAITS, &c	C. FERD. LARISZ	Ger. str. , k.w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th inst.
AVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c	SLAVONIA	Ger. str k. w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMIRIFA LINIE	On 22nd Febr. On 27th Febr.
AVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str k. w	*** *** *** *** ***	HAMBURG-AMBRIKA LINIM MELCHER & Co	Beginning of January.
ARSEILLES, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SIAM	Dan. str —	Girard	Messagerins Maritimes	To-day, at 1 P.M.
ARSEILLES. &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	MACEDONIA	Brit, Pir.	C. D. Bennett, B.NB	P. & O. S. N. Co	On 20th March.
ARSEILLES & LONDON VIA POMBAY		Jap. etr.	Geo. Anderson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight
ARBEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c		Jap. str1	A. Christiansen	NIPPON YUSUN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at D'light
ARBEILLES, LONI ON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &C.		Jap. str	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 27th inst.
ENOA. MARSEILLES, London, & Antwerp, &c. APLES. Genoa, Algires, Gibraltar &c	DERFFLINGER	Ger. str	G. Meiners	MELCHERS & Co	On 13th inst., at Noon.
APLES. GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, &C	PRINZESS ALICE	Ger. str.	G. Rott	MELCHEES & Co	On 10th March:
RIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c	PERSIA	Aus. str	Bartole	SANDER, WIELER & CO	On 20th inst.
EW YORK & BOSTON VIA SUEZ PORTS	1 4	Brit. str	Williams	JARDINE, MATERSON & Co., LD.	To-day.
OSTON & NEW YORK	MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit. str	*** *** *** ***	DODWBLL & Co., LD.	On 19th install
ANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c		Brit. street 2 m.	****	CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co	On 16th inst., at 7. A.M.
ANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c		Brit. str 1 m.	444 844 884 884	CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co	On 2nd March, at Noon.
ICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &C.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at Noon.
ICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	INVERIO	Brit. etr	J. Boyd	DODWELL & Co, LTD.	On 14th inst.
ICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &C.		Jap. 11x —	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUBEN KAIBHA	On 19th inst., at Noon.
USTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str I m.	G. W. Eidy	HUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 81st inst., at 4 P.M.
USTRALIAN PORTS VIA PORT DAEWIN	EMPIRE	Brit. str -	P. T. Helms	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co	To-morrow, at Noon.
USTRALIAN FORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MABU	Jap. str	N. Mathieson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
JETRALIAN FORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. atr	D. Lens	MELCHERS & Co.	On 28th inst., at 5 P.M.
TETRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	T. Sekine		On 19th Febr., at Noon
OJI & KOBE	ONBANG	Brit. str	Rose Core ,,	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., LD.	On 10th inst., at D'light
OBE & YOKOHAMA	The second Clare and the secon	Jap. str		MIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at D'light
OROHAMA AND KOBE		Ger. str.	D. Lens	MELCHERS & Co.	About 8th inst.
AGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	0 mpr m ,		Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th inst., at Noon. Quick despatch.
APAN		Dut. str		T	On 7th inst., at 4 P.M.
HINKIANG	NAWCHWANG	Brit. str —	414	C	To-day, at 4 P.M.
HANGHAI VIA SWATOW		Brit. str.	Sandback		To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
HANGHAI		Brit. str	J. D. Andrews, R.N.R		About 8th inst.
HANGHAI	(T	Brit. str	Lee		On 9th lost, at 4 P.M.
HANGHAI YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOOKBANG	Brit. str			On 11th inst, at Noon
HANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	BUJUN MARU.		Y. Fuseno		On 14th inst, at D'ligh
HANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	LUIZOW	Gorati. 1 m.	C. Dewers	MELCHERS & Co.	About 14th inst.
IANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Trodo ,			MELCHEES & Co.	Middle of January.
HANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MALTA	Brit. atr	H. Powell	P. & O. S. N. Co	On 16th inst.
IANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	No a secondary a	Ger. str k. w.	Peter		On 17th inst.
IANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	POLYNESIEN				On 18th inst, P.M.
IANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BAXONIA	Ger. etr k. w.	Habel		On 27th inst
MANGHAI	TJIMAHI	Dut. str	de Brouwers	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
INGPO & SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Britzstr 1 m.	7-22-12 PM 444 694 69	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
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YOMA & WOTAWS AIV IUSMA	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str	I. Eakurai		On 10th inst., at 8 A.M.
MOY & SHANGHAI		Brit. str.	Mawley		To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
WATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAIYANG	Brit, str 2 h	Hodgins		To-day, at Noon.
VATOW. AMOY & FOOCHOW		Brit. str 2 h.	J. S. Roach	1 🗪	On 8th inst., at Noon.
AIPHONG	1 11	Brit, str 1 m.	A. Somerville		To-day, at Noon.
ANILA		Brit, str 1 m.	R. W. Almond	1	On 9th inst., at Noon.
ANIDA		Brit, etc 1 m.	A. W. Outerbridge		On 12th inst., at 3 P.M.
ANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	R. Rodger	1 4	On 19th inst., at Noon.
ANILA	ZAFIRO		P. H. Rolfe		On 15th inst, at 4 P.M.
ANILA		Brit. str.	Weigall		On 12th inst., at Noon
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UDAT & BANDAKAN		Jap. str	Fred. Payne	7 Aug	On 12th inst.
OMBAY VIA BINGAPORE & COLOMBO	Total comments	Brit. str!		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 12th inst, at Noon,
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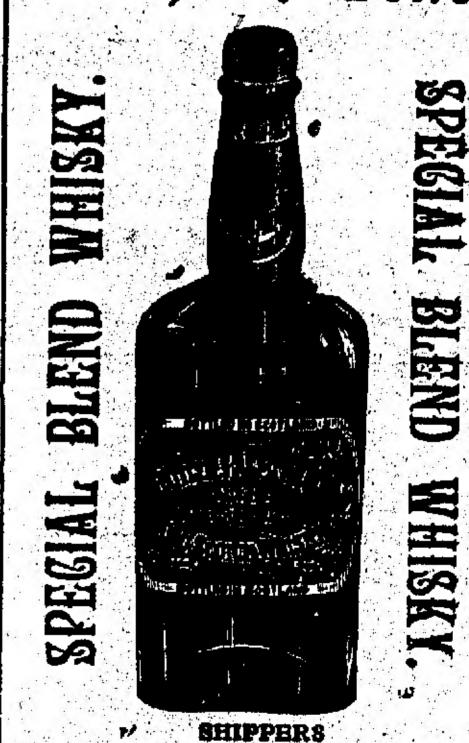
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tuesday,	5th, 10,00 A.M.
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THE ENGLISH MAIL. The P. & O. str. Delhi left Singapore for this port on the 1st instant at 6 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here tomorrow at about 5 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The T.K.K. str. Tenyo Maru with the American Mail from San Francisco of the 11th ul... saued from Yokohama on the 30th ultima, an will be due to arrive in Hongkong on Bah inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL. The Indo-China str. Kumsang left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on 25th ult., and may be expected here on or about 10th inst. The Indo-China str. Fooksang from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on Let inst. at 7 a.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS. The N.Y.K. str. Wakamiya Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore on the 28th ult., and is expected here to-day.

hai on 2nd inst. a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow daylight. The str. Craigrar sailed from Scattle on the 15th ult., for Hongkong via Moji. The str. Aduto left Seattle for Hongkong via

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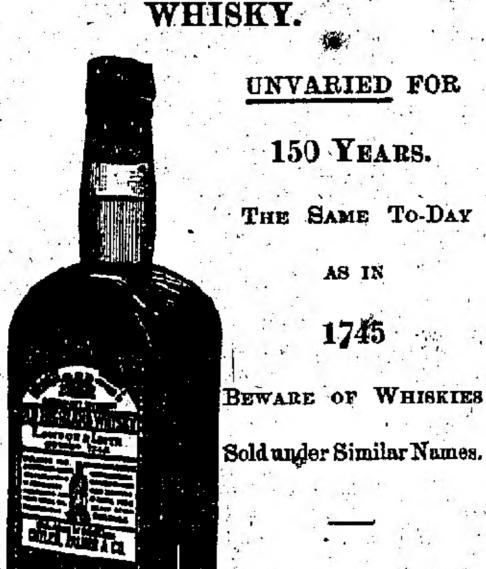
Japan ports on the 24th ult. The E. & A. str. Eastern from Endney &c. left Port Darwin on 31st ult. for Timor, Manila and this port. The J.-C.-J. Lijn str. Tjimahi left Makassar

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& Swire. CHILDAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, Nielsen, 1st January-Swatow 31st December, Ballast -Aagaard, Thoreson & Co.

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General-C. P. R. Co. ESANG, British str., 1,127, Meyerick, 31st Dec. -Weihaiwei 26th December, General-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FAUBANG, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 24th Dec .- Hongay 22nd Dec., Coal-Jardine, Matheson & Co. FEICHING, Chinese str., 980, Jarbmore, 3rd Jan.-Tsingtau 29th December, General-

Chinese. FRI, Norwegian str., 860, C. Wagle, 17th Nov. -Manila 13th November, Ballast-August Thoresen & Co. HAILAN, French str., 377, O. A. Hoeg, 3rd

Jan.—Pakhoi 31st Dec., General and Pigs -A. R. Marty. HAIMUN, British str., 636, J. W. Evans, 25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, General— Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HAIYANG British str., 1,352, Hodgins, 3rd Jan.—Foochow and Ports 2nd January, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co. HANGCHOW, British str., 999, Mawley, 29th Dec.

— Chinkiang 24th December, General— Butterfield & Swire. HELENE RICKMERS, German str., Betting, 28th Dec .- Moji 22nd Dec., Coal-Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

HELENE, German str., 771, Jessen, 1st January -Swatow 31st December, General-Jebsen & Co. Holstein, German str., 1,103, A: Niejahr, 3rd Jan .- Haiphong and Hothow 1st Jan.,

General—Jebsen & Co. HONGKONG, French str., 742, Corneliussen, 3rd Jan.-Haiphong and Hoihow 2nd January, General—A. R. Marty. KALGAN, British str., 1,152, Lewis, 1st January

-Chefoo 26th December General-Butterfield & Swire. KANCHOW, British str., 1,217, Monekman, 31st Dec.—Shanghai 27th Dec., Oil—Butterfield & Swire. KENHOU MARU, Japanese str., 1,728, F. Takai,

3rd Jan.—Moji 27th Dec., Coal—Mitsui KEONGWAI, German str., 1,115, T. Köhler, 31st Dec.—Singapore Dec. 23rd and Hoihow 30th, General—Butterfield & Swire. LANDRAT SCHEIFF, German str., 1,200 A.

27th Dec.-Tsingtan 21st Dec., General-Siemssen & Co. Linan, British str., 1,350, C. C. Williams, 28th Dec.-Wuhu via Chinkiang and Shanghai 24th Dec., Rice—Butterfield & Swire. MANDAL, Norwegian str., 1,194, E. Ericksen,

25th Dec.—Swatow 24th December, Ballast -A. T. & Co. MANDASAN MARU, Jap. str., 3,2-16, Shimidzu, 22nd Dec.-Kutchinotzu 16th Dec., Coal-Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, G. S. Wergall 30th Dec.-Sandakan 24th Dec., Timber and General-Jardine, Matheson & Co. MINAS DE PATAN, American str., 1,758, T Sievert, 3rd January-Manile 28th Dec.,

Ballast—Order. MINNESOTA, American str., 13,323. Chas Austin, 24th Dec.—Seattle via Ports 24th Nov., General-Great Northern Steamship

Mongolia, American str., 8,750, T. E. Morton, 2nd Jan.—San Francisco 1st Dec., General -Pacific Mail Steamship Co. NEWCHWANG, British str., 558, E. L. Jones 26th December-Swatow 25th December.

General-C. N. Co. NYANZA, British str., 4,180, H. S. Bradshaw, 1st Jan.—London 31st Nov., General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

ORANGE BRANCH, Britith str., 2,197, J. Mc Clelland, 27th Dec.—Sydney via norts 17th Nov., Sleepers and General-Dodwell & Co. PROGRESS, Norwegian str., 1,671, P. Schjenig, 22ud Dec.,-Karatzu 15th Dec., Coal-Wallem & Co.

PROSPER. Norwegian Str., 1,459, K. Larssan 2nd Jan .- Chinkiang 29th Dec., Ground nut-Hamburg-Amerika Linie. PROTEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, C. Möller 27th Dec.-Chinking 22nd Dec., Rice-

Anguard, Thoresen & Co. RAGNAR, Norwegian str., 1,220, A. Augensen, 24th Dec.—Wakamatsu 18th Dec., Coal-Aagaard, Thoresen & Co. RAJAH, German str., 1,175, R. Peterson, 30th

Dec.-Bangkok 21st December, Rice-Butterfield & Swire. SHANSI, British str., 1,662, Boyd, 2nd Jan .--Chefoo 28th Dec., Beans-Butterfield & Swire.

SHINANO MARU, Jap. str., 3,960, K. Kawara. 27th Dec.-Shanghai 24th Dec., Flour-Nippon Yusen Kaisha. SHOSHU MARU. Japanese str., 999, Ijichi, 2nd Osaka Shogen Kaisha.

General-Jebsen & Co.

Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

C. M. S. N. & Co. Chinese.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

STOOKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUÓTA- TIONS CASH.
BANKS. ongkong and Shanghai Bank Corporation.	120,000	8125	all	{ \$840, sales £82-5.
ational Bank of China, Limited	99,925	€7	£6	\$51.
MARINE INSURANCES.		. 10		2425
anton Insurance Office Co., Limitedhina Traders Insurance Co., Limited	10,000 24,000	\$260 \$83.3 3	\$50 \$25	\$195, sellers \$87½, buyers
orth-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 105, buyers
nion Insurance Society, Limited ang tsze Insurance Association, Limited	10,000 12,000	\$250 \$100	\$100 \$60	\$835, sellers \$167\frac{1}{2}.
FIRE INSURANCES.	12,000			
hina Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000 8,000	\$100 \$250	20 50	\$106, sellers 8325, sellers
longkong and Whampos Dock Co., Limited	50,000	850	all	890, sellers
eo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000 55,700			39½, buyers Tls. 75.
STEAMBOATS, TCGS, ETC.	00,100	1111111111		
hina and Manila Steamship Co., Limited	30,000	825		
longkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ld	20,000 80,000			\$33, buyers \$291, sellers
ndo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld	60,000			1837.1 mallama
	7.0	1		(817.)
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000 10,000	1 1	\$5	\$15_buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	£1		
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Limited	8,600 200,000	1.0		CTls. 483.
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China Sugar Company, Limited	20,000 7,000)], all	\$18, sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Limited	7,000			
WHARVES.				QAE Immove
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co	60,000 32,000			\$45, buyers Tls. 140.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS,	02,000			# - '
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ld.	50,000			
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited Kowleon Land and Building Company			1 2	
Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Co	3,674	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 9.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co West Point Building Co., Limited	150,000 12,500	\$10 \$50		\$9½, sellers \$46, sellers
TRAMWAYS.	12,000			
The Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	810		{ \$14.
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MINING. Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	18,000	Fcs. 25	o all	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000) £	18/10) \$83, sellors
Horgkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$5	O all	\$84, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Limited (Shanghai)	30,000			
DISPENSABIES.			-	
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,00			
LIGHTING.	10,00	*		
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,00			
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	8,00 60,00			
MISCELLANEOUS.	00,00			
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,00			0 \$9.80, sales
Hongkong Milling Co., Ld. (in Liquidation) Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	10,00 3,60			
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited }	9,000 ordy	, 31	0 \$	4 \$123.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fder	в 31	0 81	
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co	25,00	0 87	3 8	6 \$22½, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5 00 4,00		25 all 50 \$5	
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Limited	. 16,35		20 £2	0 Tls. 4373.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,00	0 81	0 all	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Limited Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld	. 20,00	0 Tis. 5	60 Tla. 5	0 Tis. 76, buyer
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ld	. 10.00	0 Tls. 7	75 Tls. 7	5 Tls. 67½. O Tls. 73.
Laou-Kung-MowCotton Spin.&Weav.Co.,Ld. Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	. 8,00 2,00			O Tls. 285.
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ld	. 200,00	0 31	10 81	0 \$10.
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,00		12 31 10 all	
Wm. Powell, Limited	12,00	0 ,		7 34, sellers
South China Morning Post	3,00 6,00		25 82	5 \$24.
	50,00	0 81	10 81	O Peri collower
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Steam Laundry Company, Limited	67,50	00 \$1 00 \$50	10 81	0 88, sellers Nominal

Taming, British str., 1,360, A. Somerville, 1st for Saigon, Mrs Otada, Mesers Richard Thuse January-Manila 29th Dec., General- Bos, Iranis and Merienne; for Singapore, M Butterfield & Swire. Tientsin, British str., 1,227, G. W. Fedy, 2nd G. Hooper, J. Stevenson and Campbell; for January-Wuhu, Chinkiang & Shanghai Colombo, Mrs Soller and 3 children; for Man

& Swire.

Jardine, Matheson & Co. 1 RIUMPH, German str., 769. J. C. Hansen, and Slisaroff. 20th Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 18th Dec., Rice and General—Jebsen & Co.

Jardine, Matheson & Co. YOCHOW, British str., 1,306, Brown, 31st Dec. Schultz, W. F. Perry, A. Gunther, Souza and

field & Swire. YUENSANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 3rd Jan.—Manila 31st Dec., General— Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILING VESSELS. Annia E. Smale, American 4-masted barque 809, John F. Colstrup, 13th Dec.-Portland Oregon 8th Oct., Lumber-Mr. Jack. DAYLIGHT, British barque, 3,060, M. Bryde 9th October-Yokohama 19th September, Ballast-Standerd Oil Co. LYNDHUEST, British 4-masted barque, 2,500, Parnell, 14th September-Banckok 25th

August, Case Oil-Standard Oil Co.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVED.

Per Sado Maru, from Shanghai, Mrs. Drummond, Mr. F. F. Eca da Silva and Mr. and Mrs.

Per Sydney, for Hongkong, from Marseilles, January-Swatow 1st January, General- Mr Auday; from Singapore, Messrs T. B. A. Ball. H. Manheim and T. B. Vorry; from SIGNAL, German str., 940, G. Schlaikier, 31st Saigon, Mr and Mrs L. Vincenot and child, Dec.—Haiphong and Hoihow 30th Dec., Messrs E. Slot, D. de Urmeneta, S. P. Bullers, M. Mestraud, Matuny and Banvet; from SINGAN, British str., 1.047, Jamieson, 2nd Jan. | Marseilles, for Manila, Mr and Mrs Desnouc - Haiphong and Hoihow 1st Jan., General and child, and Mr B. Weill; for Shanghai, Mr and Mrs Yacquet and 3 children, Dr. and Mrs TAIROSAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,994, Fukui, Moinllac, Miss Prudent. Messrs Molinot, 2nd January-Moji 27th December, Coal- Kerminon, Simonetti and Charbonnel; from Saigon. Pregre; from Marseilles, for Yoko- Patroclus. TAISHUN, Chinese str. 1,216, P. Klopfer, 2nd hama, Messrs Rabadeux, Tnabata & 2 daughters, January-Shanghai 30th Dec., General- A. E. G. Pover, Desmaitons and Dalas.

Per Ernest Simons, from Shanghai, for TAIWAN, British str., 1,642, E. C. Everett, 30th | Hongkong, Mr and Mrs Chenel, Mrs Lomanlla, Dec.—Chefoo 24th December, General— Rev. Mallel, Messrs Buy, H. Lolein, Gorden Lowder, W. H. Hill, Guttener and da Roza;

Mrs. and Miss Carpenter, Messrs Driessens, A 29th Dec., General and Rice—Butterfield seilles, Mr and Mrs (aumel, Mrs Petitgand Mesers Carrere, Bauer, Deloine, Delaye Tingsang, British str., 1,045, R. Y. Andrew, Peigney and Mollet; from Kobe, for Saigor 2nd Jan.—Chinkiang 29th Dec., General— Mr Decressonnen; from Yokohama, for Colon bo, Mr Hossein; for Marseilles, Messrs Goffro

VERNON & SMYTH, Share-Brokers.

Per P. E. Friedrich, for Shanghai, Mr and WAISHING, British str., 1,170, W. R. Bichard, Mrs W. Holliday, Dr. and Mrs H. Wright, 28th Dec .- Chinkiang 24th Dec., General - Mrs Suter and 2 children, Mrs J. Sanft, Messrs P. Muller, E. D. Cooper, Richards, Glauzer, E. -Shanghai 27th Dec., General-Butter- A. Skettegren; for Nagasaki, Messrs Buckland, A. P. Scott, M. Nagashima and Chuya; for Yokohama, Mrs Noble, Miss Waters, Messrs O. Keme, H. W. Donnell, E. H. Colleyshaw, Jos. Hermanos, S. Lock, Hara and Kimura. Per Prinz Waldemar, for Yap, Mrs Ferry, Messrs A. Wenkler and Geo. P. Lammert; for Manila, Mr and Mrs McCoy, Mr and Mrs Compere, Mr and Mrs Kindcaird, Mr and Mrs Jachrling, Mrs Pond, Mrs Mitsuse, Miss Kindcaird, Messrs M. Plattruig, J. Muslaws, Fr. Bickmann, J. F. Cochrane, R. Grenting, J D. Arreglade, Wm. Rosemann, W. B. Nichell, T. E. Higashi, J. O. Lee, Kiku and W. Korige; for New Guinea Ports, Mr and Mrs Ichnpuring, Mr and Mrs Ferdinandez, Messrs J. Mahler, C. Fuerstuan, E. Heisig and Steimann; for

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